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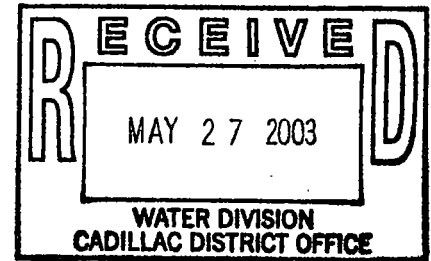
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STEVEN E. CHESTER
DIRECTOR

Mr. Andrew Smits, P.E.
Inland Seas Engineering, Inc.
1755 Barlow Street
Traverse City, MI 49696-6820



Dear Mr. Smits:

SUBJECT: Hydrogeologic Study Work Plan Supplement
Williamsburg Receiving and Storage
Groundwater Discharge Permit # M 0086

We have completed our review of your May 1, 2003, Hydrogeologic Study Work Plan Supplement (Work Plan) for Williamsburg Receiving and Storage. In your Work Plan, you have agreed to install monitor wells at the following areas of the site: the former Spray Irrigation Area, the former Northwestern Brining Pit Area and the Storage Lagoon Area. I understand that in your professional opinion monitor wells are not necessary at the former Spray Irrigation Area or the Northwestern Brining Pit Area. We will just have to disagree on how best to evaluate whether the groundwater has been impacted at these locations. Installation of the monitor wells is a pragmatic approach to resolving this issue.

The Water Division, Groundwater Section has reviewed and hereby approves the Work Plan dated May 1, 2003, for Williamsburg Receiving and Storage. The Hydrogeologic Study Report should be submitted to this office by July 11, 2003. If this schedule can not be met please contact me directly at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Douglas D. Thompson
Groundwater Section
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